UPDATE

L.A. considers Colorado boycott

City may try to lure mayors away from Springs

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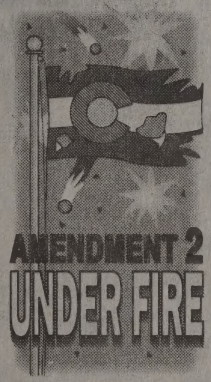
The Los Angeles City Council may decide Wednesday to join two other major U.S. cities in boycotting Colorado.

The council also will discuss whether to try to lure the prestigious 1993 meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors away from Colorado Springs.



The proposals mark yet another city that may shun Colorado because of the Nov. 3 passage of Amendment 2. The amendment bans laws protecting gays from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Atlanta and Philadelphia city councils already have barred officials and staff from using public funds to travel to Colorado, and city council members in Chicago and New York have said they are looking into introducing similar measures.

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Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo introduced the Colorado ban Dec. 4, and the 15-member City Council is likely to "have no problem" approving it, said Woo spokeswoman Julie Laskol.

"A majority of the council strongly supports gay rights and has been vocal about that before. I don't see why this would be an exception," she said.

Friday, Councilman Joel Wachs introduced a measure asking the leadership of the U.S. Conference of Mayors to move its June 1993 meeting to Los Angeles. The high-profile gathering would bring as many as 1,500 mayors and their staff members for six days. "Our convention center is ready to go," Wachs added.

The councilman was responding to earlier announcements by New York Mayor David Dinkins and Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson that they would boycott the conference, said Wachs spokesman Greg Nelson. Both of those mayors

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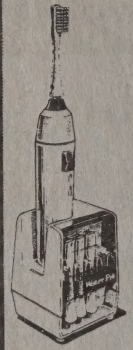

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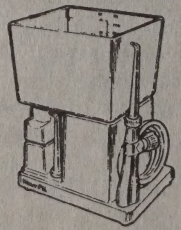

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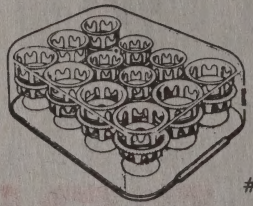

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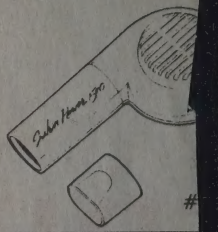

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